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Football player charged with assault *Domestic dispute leads to chair-throwing, victim alleges*

Allie T. Thomas

Freshman Skyhawk football player Lee D. Yandell was charged Friday with assault after a fight with his ex-girlfriend.

According to a police report from the UTM Department of Public Safety, Yandell, a fullback from Jackson, invited the woman to his University Courts apartment because "he had something to give her."

Upon her arrival, he

slammed the door and began yelling at her, according to the report. The woman also told police that, after throwing her to the floor, Yandell kicked her foot, which threw her knee into her mouth and knocked loose three brackets of her bottom braces. She also alleges in the report that Yandell continued to yell at her and threw a chair at her, but she was not hit by the chair.

Yandell told police that he only pushed the woman



Yandell

the floor. She began kicking into the air while on the floor, "so he kicked her foot," the report read.

They left the apartment for their vehicles

after the altercation and Yandell told police he kept the women's cell phone because he already had it. But the woman told police that he took the cell phone from her after he followed her to her car and then said, "You can get your (expletive) tomorrow."

Police arrived at the football practice field that evening to retrieve the cell phone and advised Yandell to go to DPS and file a statement, which he did. Yandell also was advised

to have no contact with the woman and the incident was referred to Student Affairs.

The following day, the woman filed assault charges against Yandell and he was taken to the Weakley County Sheriff's Department. The case is now pending court.

Football coach Jason Simpson said that Yandell has been suspended from the football team until the situation is resolved in court.

Three now vie for UTM top spot

Will York

The finalist pool for UTM's chancellor position was narrowed to three late last week, according to an e-mail from Chancellor Advisory Search Committee Chairman Jerald Ogg.

Four candidates came to UTM from April 9-13 for campus interviews and student forums, but the 14-member search committee cut Middle Tennessee State University Executive Vice President and Provost Kaylene Gebert from the short list of finalists during their latest meeting.

Now, University of Tennessee system President John D. Petersen will interview the three top candidates tapped by UTM's committee in Knoxville before rendering his decision by May 1.

Hank Dye, UT vice president for public and government relations, stressed the May 1 date is only a goal and not a deadline.

"I'm not sure that's firm, but I think (Petersen) is hopeful," Dye said.

Dye said in addition to interviewing with Petersen, the three candidates will meet with the president's staff, who will report their findings back to Petersen.

Ogg said he spoke with all three finalists, and they continue to be excited about the opportunity to succeed retiring Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

Ogg, who also serves as UTM's interim vice chancellor for student affairs, said the committee used recommendations from faculty and students in making their decision.

"The committee relied heavily on your feedback as it formulated its recommendations, and we appreciate the seriousness with which everyone has approached this critical transition," he said in the e-mail.

The three finalists include Roosevelt Newson, provost at the University of North Alabama; John Schwenn, vice chancellor for academic affairs at Emporia (Kan.) State University; and Thomas Rakes, provost at UTM.

SPECIAL REPORT

In wake of Va. Tech tragedy, is UTM ready?



Photos by WILL YORK / The Pacer

Above, French Professor Robert Peckham locks a door in Humanities, but doors can only be locked from the outside. The key is from the department. Right, doors in Humanities, and other classroom buildings, often stay open to allow for better air circulation, thus providing easy access for students from the halls. All doors open toward the hallway.



Sara M. McIntosh

Students across the country, including UTM, are concerned with the safety of their homes away from home because of the recent shootings at Virginia Tech that left 32 students and faculty dead.

VA Tech critics are concerned with what they call a lack of responsibility on behalf of the university in informing the students of the first shooting situation. The university acknowledges in released statements much of the information they provided to the students came via e-mail about the situation in the dorm and later Norris Hall.

Instead of e-mail, colleges like Penn State and Florida State University have used a new and more student-centered communication program for informing students about school closures, weather alerts and other emergencies requiring instant notification. Text messaging is the instant medium many students use daily and poses the

best solution for communication between university officials and students.

Omnilert LLC says that it is a "leading provider of selective mass communications for sending time-sensitive information to large groups of people," according to a company press release for their new campaign called e2campus. The cost for these programs depends on the needs for the school with the "flex use pricing" option, which is ideal for campuses intending only on alerting people for emergencies. After the \$995 annual account fee, messaging fees are comparable to regular text messaging fees at \$0.15 per message, which the company estimates a cost of \$150 for one message sent to 1,000 students.

WPSD-TV confirmed in a report that aired last Monday that officials from UT Martin are "seriously considering" the text messaging alert system. Vanderbilt

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International Programs instructor, husband run Boston Marathon

David Hampton

Next time you catch yourself complaining about the walking distances here on campus, consider the rigors endured by one of our own UTM instructors. Lynn Patterson, of the Department of International Programs and an instructor in the English as a Second Language program, ran alongside her husband and completed this year's Boston Marathon, held on April 16.

As set forth on the Boston Marathon's official website, before participating in the

event runners must qualify by meeting a designated time standard for their age group, and qualifying times must be met in a competition observing the same rules as the Boston Marathon. Patterson and her husband, Les Macdiarmid, a UTM graduate and professional artist, met these qualifications last fall in the Chicago Marathon, which was held on October 22.

The fact that the Boston Marathon, such a prestigious event, gives ama-



Patterson

avid football fan being able to play in the Super Bowl.

Patterson said her and her husband's training for the event included about 3 months of intense preparation, including several long runs, including 4 twenty-mile runs. She

tears the opportunity to compete is one of the things that makes it special, Patterson said. She compared her feeling of being able to run in the marathon to that of an

said that preparing for the run was like meeting any other challenge in life, adding that when it came time for them to tackle the marathon, she knew they were ready. "If you're well prepared, you're confident because you know you've earned you way. It crosses over to other areas of life," she said. She also added that crossing the finish line with her husband by her side "felt wonderful." They each finished the marathon with an official time of just over 4:19:30, completing the run within a second of each other.

She actually ran the Boston Marathon once before in 2004, but said that at the time the temperature was an uncomfortably warm 85 degrees, and towards the second half of the run the landmarks and surroundings began to blur. This year, however, the weather was comfortable and she said being able to enjoy all the landmarks, the atmosphere and the people was amazing. "It's great to be in a cosmopolitan environment, hearing other runners speaking German, Chinese, Italian and languages from all

over the world, and knowing that all of these individuals have come together here to run," she said.

Patterson added that the Boston Marathon itself can be seen as a reflection of society. She said that it has evolved from its beginnings, which included only affluent white males, to today including men and women from all walks of life and from all over the world.

She said that the landmarks that the runners pass in the marathon are incredible. She added that

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Our View

Editorial:
GPAs promote excellence

The Associated Press has reported that lawmakers are considering dropping the GPA requirement for the Tennessee Lottery Scholarship from 3.0 to 2.5. This action is potentially a double-edged sword. For the students who have the lottery scholarship, lowering the requirement is great because they don't have to work as hard to keep the scholarship. On the other hand, students who didn't get the scholarship originally, but would now have the GPA requirement, might feel like they've been cheated. While we applaud that more students would be able to receive the scholarship and attend college, we still have serious questions: First, how would this promote academic excellence? Many students already have a problem with partying too much and not paying attention to their schoolwork. Dropping the GPA would give these students more incentive to party and not keep a B average, as is required now. The higher GPA requirement is a tool to weed out any students who are not serious about college and are here only because they receive "free money" from the state or nation to attend. Most scholarships require a high GPA because receiving a scholarship is a proud achievement. Second, what about the students who are still left out? We especially are concerned about non-traditional students, many of whom are older, have a family and work a job while attending college. Their budgets probably are tight and a scholarship would help tremendously. But because of their age, whether they have the requirements or not, non-traditional students don't get the scholarship. We recommend that a pool of lottery money be created to help non-traditional students. We have a surplus, so why not help those who need it? We also recommend graduated levels of scholarship money based on GPA. For example, those who consistently earn a 3.5 GPA would receive more money and those who make a 2.5 GPA would receive less money. That would provide the needed incentive for academic excellence. Lawmakers in Nashville need to seriously consider the ramifications before they tinker with GPAs.

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Letters to the Editor

Student gives own review

Basically, I want to set straight what might have been misconstrued by one of the students who wrote a review for The Pacer. Put simply, his review was mistaken. I attended this same opera on Saturday April 14, 2007. I would like to give a brief review myself. The main plot of the story was an Old Maid and her housekeeper were living everyday life as usual until it was reported that there was a thief on the loose. In a coincidence there was a beggar that found his way to the ladies' front door step. Having been lonely for some time and eager to see a man, the Old Maid ordered that the beggar stay over. When the description of the thief came out being almost

the exact of the beggar they took in, the two ladies took drastic measures to make sure that he was not found. They also proceeded to give him money, free food, and a free place to stay so that "the thief" wouldn't think to rob or hurt them. The ladies steal from different people and stores in the community which is accredited to "the thief." The end brings a surprising twist that is shocking and altogether comical. Kim Kraft, who played the Old Maid, was hands down brilliant. Her articulate voice and words made the opera exactly what Brian Sullivan said it was, "a complete success." (The Maid) Erin Horton's phenomal acting ability showed off the skills she is capable of.

Between Kim Kraft's flawless voice, Erin Horton's impressive acting skills, and and the comic relief of Chris Buckner and Katy Patterson it was a performance that would impress any experienced attendee of the opera. This is not an attack on Mr. Sullivan's intelligence. As his classmate and acquaintance, I feel he is a good-natured person. I also realize he was only doing this review to as a requirement to pass in a Communications class, but I feel as if he might not be fully aware of what an opera is intended to accomplish. It is not a matter of what volume a singer reaches, but the ability to keep a certain musical tone and keeping an audience aware of what is happen-

ing. Each of the performers had excellent tone as well as volume, and I was a couple of rows from the top of the seating area. The audience was drawn and entertained throughout the opera as well as feeling compelled to applaud at every dropped curtain. I was thoroughly impressed and do not believe that anyone who did not attend should get the wrong impression.

Ben Worley
Communications
Greenfield

Ed. Note: Sunday's cast for "Old Maid and the Thief" was Karen Langdon, Sarah Jenkins, Matt Cook and Linzie Tedford

Students can expand their world with knowledge

I've focused mainly Native Americans and their plight in the last two columns. In my last in a series of three, I will summarize what I've attempted and reiterate some points that might have gotten lost. The point has been to educate and present information for you to decide what you will do with it. Most have been positive in your feedback and those that have been less than, haven't been negative but rather apathetic. Apathy is the most dangerous emotion because instead of being incited to action, you feel and do nothing. Inaction is how we find ourselves powerless. Many Native Americans find that they are without voice, without respect and without basic human conditions. Yes, this isn't true of Native Americans as a whole, but someone once said that if only one child suffers, that's one too many. Within the confines of some Native American

reservations, children suffer the most. Many Native American children are told to be silent about their heritage when they find themselves in public and in the minority. They are told that if they speak out about their heritage that "they (meaning various government agencies) will come and take you away" and this fear is often internalized. Children aren't allowed to express their feelings toward being Native American, and this silence is deadly. How would you feel if you were Asian-American and were refused your right to celebrate the New Year according to your heredity? When we globalize what is happening to Native Americans, the problem gains scope that we can identify with. Whenever rights and privileges of a group of people are denied, in many cases, that group revolts until those rights are restored. Native Americans were here long before any of us. Their culture is as rich



Christian Ashlar
Staff Columnist

and colorful and as dear to them as any of our own is to us. When they wear tribal clothing, it's just as meaningful as a yamika, dashiki, or sarong to those who might wear them. It is astounding why Native Americans, with a culture and civilization that pre-dates most of the current ones, are ground into the proverbial dust and are actively ignored. Large amounts of toxic waste are dumped on Native American reservations, polluting water supplies and damaging ground reserves for crops. We like to think that these things don't happen but unless the toxic waste is bubbling up in our own bathrooms and kitchens, it's easy to turn a blind eye and imagine that these things are happening somewhere else. The things that I've writ-

ten about are situations that people are experiencing in this country. They experience the same sorts of neglect and abuse that people in third-world countries face on a regular basis. It's happening because the Hollywood Indian prevails in our thinking of Native Americans. We see them as mysterious and exotic or savage and unruly, but we do not see them as real. Many people don't know about this sort of thing happening - and so it continues. Our world doesn't stop at the edge of the Elam Center parking lot. Our world is made up of many different things and people. If you don't want to see beyond the confines I've just mentioned, then you will not. If you chose to expand your world, then you can. I encourage you to do the latter. Knowledge is power and that power can be one of the greatest forces you can wield in this world that you're heading into when college is over.

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Cherish the experiences and memories in college

Graduation is almost two weeks away, and seniors are thinking that this is where our lives begin and forget that UTM has been a major section of our life that has molded us into new images of the world. Well, I haven't.

UTM has been a blessing to my life. It has allowed me to learn about the things I want to do and become. It has allowed me to meet some amazing people. It has allowed me to become a better person.

UTM is so much more than a college. It is a gateway to your dreams. It allows you to work hard for what you want. And it gives you the tools to succeed in life. UTM's small, yet beautiful campus invites all students to grow and prosper.

One of the best aspects of this campus is the people here. Most professors seem to truly care about their students, and genuinely want to see them succeed.

While I have been here, I have been honored to meet some of these people. I have grown to see most of these people as both as mentors, but also as friends. For me, most of these individuals live in the third floor of Gooch in the Communications Department. All of these professors are wonderful; however, three stand above the rest.

Tomi Parrish is one of these individuals. Her kind spirit and helping nature not only make her a terrific professor, but also a tremendous person. She can easily be addressed outside of the classroom. In fact, more times than not, she has been my therapist, helping me with any and all of my stressors. She has helped me in the classroom, at *The Pacer* and in life.

Dr. Robert Nanney is the other professor that has made a difference. Dr. Nanney has helped me in



Heather Roland
News Editor

my aspirations for becoming a better journalist. He showed me through his past experience how to become a good writer, and he has shown me through individual attention how to succeed in school and in life. He provides high expectations for all of his students, not to be a hard grader, but to see the true potential his students are capable of.

These are the people who count. These are the people that care. And these are the people who will help you succeed in all you do.

As I have worked for *The Pacer* for the last two years, I have learned that this is an exciting, yet stressful field. It requires a passion

for journalism. I have this passion, and I am looking forward to working with this passion in my everyday life. While at times we all get frustrated with our jobs, *The Pacer* has given me the tools to become a better writer, and has allowed me to expand my knowledge about the field.

It has been an honor to provide this campus with the information necessary, and I will miss my position here. However, I am glad that UTM has provided me with the means to succeed. I am leaving here with a vast amount of knowledge about my field, more friends and the courage to enter the next phase in my life.

If there is one thing I could say to the current and future students of UTM, I would say to cherish your time here at UTM, it will not last forever.

Remember where you came from and keep on laughing

I'll admit that this is probably one of the hardest columns I'll ever write. I've started this column many times in the past weeks, but no words seem adequate to encompass four years worth of laughter, tears, awards and stitches.

I hope that every student has as much fun as I have had these past four years. Students need to remember that the time you spend in college can change your life and you need to embrace change, because you'll definitely be a better, stronger person in the long run.

I've heard horror stories from other students on how their departments don't care and seem cold and aloof. The Communications Department at UTM is the best, in my opinion, and I hope that all students can find professors whom they feel as close to and comfortable with as I feel with Tomi.

Tomi has hugged me while I cried and fed me Reese's Cups; laughed with me as I celebrated and fed me Reese's Cups; and worried with me as I stressed and fed me Reese's Cups. The students cycle through and the faces grow older, but the Reese's Cups always remain the same. Hopefully, I've made her life better as she has made mine.

I can't leave this person out, Professor Robinson. I promise you, Professor Robinson, that I'll use my first huge paycheck to buy you a PC.

A lot of people at UTM don't like *The Pacer* because they think that we needlessly cause trouble and turmoil. I'm sorry if you feel that way, but we do have a job and a purpose and that's to keep UTM



Elizabeth Watts
Executive Editor

informed. And we'll continue doing that whether you like us or not.

If there's one thing I can pass on to UTM students, it would be to lighten up. It seems like so many students feel like their lives are ending over small things. Keep laughing, because there's someone who's facing worse things than you. I was reminded of this fact with the death of fellow Communications student Wes Brasher. I'll admit that I didn't know him really well, but he was always smiling and laughing even in the face of his failing health. His strength and his guitar skills were amazing, and I can't help but smile when I think of him.

Another thing to remember is to never forget your roots. Family is the most important thing, and I would be lost without my Momma. She's pushed me to be the best and work like a demon. I've laughed, cried, screamed and smiled with and at her. It's always been me and Momma against the world, and I wouldn't have made it this far without her. I love you, Momma, and tell Berthie I love her, too.

The four years here have been the best of my life. Remember what and who are important to you and keep on laughing. Because not only do you walk away with a diploma, you walk away with friends, family and memories.

Well, my time here is up, y'all. It's been real, and I've had an awesome time.

Don't let college, skills define you and your life

My three years at UTM did not fly by like the common descriptions that so many of my peers declare. At times it seemed like I would never even reach my senior year. Through good and bad times in the classroom and outside of it, I found the person I want to continue to be. I ended up not becoming defined by my baseball ability like I had once hoped, and I am better for that. My experience as a Skyhawk baseball player will always be remembered with fondness but kept in humble

perspective to the overall importance of a college degree and how I prepared myself the right way for life after college.

Many professors, coaches and staff members touched my life and all of you know quite well who you are because I vocalize my respect for you often. I need to express my gratitude once again to Head Athletic Trainer, Bart Belew, for his superb care and support after the head injury I suffered last May in an on-field collision with a teammate.



Zane Gresback
Asst. Sports Editor

I thank Tomi Parrish and UTM Sports Information Director, Joe Lofaro, for recommending my skills to become assistant sports editor on *The Pacer* staff. The experience of working with such a diverse group of talented individuals made me aspire to be a better writer with a stronger voice.

I want to urge all pub-

lic relations majors to be the best they can be and improve the perception that we are the group of communications students who are not as capable as students in other sequences.

Best of luck to my fellow graduates, former teammates and *The Pacer* staff members in all they pursue in life. I hope they all enjoyed their college experience but do not let it define them as people as there is always something else equally as challenging and rewarding to be a part of.

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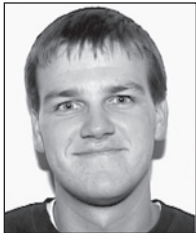
The SGA elections are now over, but the newly-elected officials are eagerly ready to begin. Student Government officials were sworn in at noon on Friday, April 20 in the Legislative Chambers. All candidates vowed to uphold the

laws of SGA, Tennessee and the United States. The executive council consisting of President Erin Chambers, Vice-President Grayson Uldrich, and Secretary General Amelia Kosta promised to support and defend the needs of UTM students. Each member of the executive council gave a few words



Chambers

and addressed the new Senate with great enthusiasm. Kosta said she was excited about the



Uldrich

upcoming year, while Uldrich commented that the executive had already began to make contact and address a few issues.



Kosta

Chambers spoke last and noted that she wanted to improve the collegiate experience for all students. Both Chambers

and Uldrich thanked the past officers and Senate for a great year and that they had “big shoes to fill.” Each of the officials are looking forward to working with students. The Student Government 56th General Assembly is off to a great start and we can expect nothing short of another phenomenal year.

Classroom named in professor’s honor

Chris Turner
Staff Writer

In the minds of children everywhere, Superman, Batman and Spiderman are examples of legends, superheroes who have saved the Earth time after time. However, the UTM community knows a true legend is someone who makes monumental changes in the lives of everyone with whom they come in contact. If you had the honor of hearing “Push that positive button,” or if you have “Climbed that positive ladder,” then you came in contact with a UTM legend. The late Dorotha Norton began her career at UTM in 1966 as an English professor. Known for her stern yet effective methods of teaching, Norton left her mark on thousands of students and spurred the careers of such UTM alumni as “The Bell-Ringer” Stan Bell of 101.1, Nastassia “The Sports Diva” Powell of 103.5 All State Above the Rim Show, and Myles Luster, the Warner/Elektra/Atlantic Corporation regional sales manager/urban music. Before her untimely death from a fall in the summer of 2006, Norton was the recipient of the Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award. Norton also received the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award. Her leg-



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Communications Department Chair Dr. Robert Nanney (left) presents a Dorotha Norton Classroom plaque to her husband, Robert Norton (middle) and son, Ron Norton (right).

endary status at the university was cemented when a group of alumni established the Dorotha Norton scholarship, a scholarship that annually is rewarded to a Communications student who has excellent public speaking skills. On April 10, 2007, another milestone in Norton's legacy was reached when the Communications Department announced that 311 Gooch Hall, one of the primary public speaking classrooms, will be named after Norton. A commemorative plaque will be placed in on the wall in her honor, and was unveiled at the department's annual

Career Day. “It is so appropriate that this classroom be named in Dorotha Norton's honor. She served long and faithfully in Gooch 311 and enriched her students' professional and personal lives. We miss her terribly. This will serve as a permanent reminder of her rich legacy,” said Communications Department Chairman Dr. Robert Nanney. Those who had the pleasure of taking Voice and Diction and Public Speaking know the significance of room 311. From wearing a lapel while doing your speech to watching your tape

and critiquing your speech, Norton's classes left memories that will last in most students' minds forever. I was thrilled that the classroom that she taught in so many years was honored. Mrs. Norton was a great friend and colleague,” said Teresa Collard, instructor of Communications. Along with the room, the members of the National Association of Black Journalists in conjunction with Women in Communications also have planned to plant a memorial oak tree in remembrance of Norton. One thing is certain: She is missed.

S.A.B.E.R. informs about sexual violence

Amber Pickett
S.A.B.E.R. Correspondent

Members of UTM S.A.B.E.R. traveled to Dyersburg State Community College this past Tuesday, April 17, to perform a dramatization about campus dating for Dyersburg High School students and their parents. S.A.B.E.R. is an active student organization with a primary goal of raising awareness about sexual assault. S.A.B.E.R. stands for “Sexual Assault Behavior Emergency Response.” Dr. Jennifer Levy, director of the UTM Counseling Center, and Public Safety Capt. Ray Coleman have teamed up to keep this organization running smoothly. Eight members of S.A.B.E.R. played different roles in the dramatization. The skit begins as a portrayal of a normal date between a man and a woman at college. Before the date begins, the man played by Hunter Taylor, decides to buy alcohol. The woman, played by Crysta Newton, isn't too keen on drinking, but decides to anyway. The date starts off with both people being kind of shy, but their moods change with the consumption of alcohol. They become less guarded and more open. As the date con-

tinues, you are able to see what both sides are thinking, with the woman's conscience played by Kimmy Jo Laster and the man's conscience played by Morgan Greenhaw. They are thinking totally different things during the date. It also revealed what they thought each other was thinking, which is a horrible misunderstanding that later leads to the tragedy of rape. Informative statistics to support the skit were told by other members of S.A.B.E.R: Pamela Bridges, Robin Jones, Amy Kurrelmeyer and Michael Gaworecki. After the skit, Levy showed a slide informing the students of how they can stay safe and still have fun at college. The slide show also demonstrated why these things can happen and how to tell if someone is targeting you. A few reasons why things like this can happen are simply because of myths and mistaken ideas about sex and sexuality, and miscommunication between people, often involving alcohol consumption. To keep yourself safe, don't let anyone encourage you to drink too much, separate you from your friends, or take advantage of your lack of familiarity with the envi-

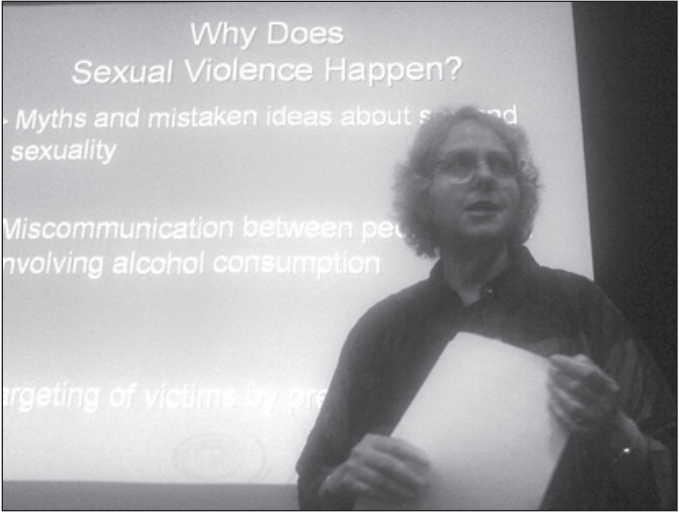


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Dr. Jennifer Levy explains why sexual violence happens in today's world. Members of S.A.B.E.R. traveled to Dyersburg State Community College and Dyersburg High School to present the lecture.

ronment or situation. “I'm hoping the students will have a greater awareness of sexual assault and that they need to be active in protecting themselves and their friends,” Levy said. Each member of S.A.B.E.R. stepped forward after Levy's presentation and told what they wish they would have known before they came to college. One person said he wished he would have known it was OK to talk to his parents. Others said things like, they wished they would have better understood how men and women process alcohol differently, better knowledge of the use of the “buddy system,” it's

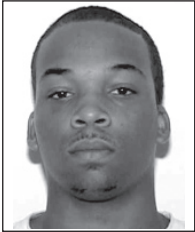
OK not to drink, the real extension of their freedom entering into college, the early signs of an abusive relationship, and that their parents would have talked to them so they didn't feel so naïve coming into the college world. “I hope that we have educated the seniors going to college next year and we can help somebody from being victimized, or we have helped by giving the knowledge to help someone help somebody else who could be victimized,” said Amy Kurrelmeyer, president of S.A.B.E.R.

Senior Walk & Grand Finale Celebration to take place on May 2

Christopher Turner
Staff Writer

All your graduation invitations are sent to the ones you love, you have rewritten your resume several times, and all you have to do now is graduate.

In 2005, UTM started a tradition, where all graduating seniors (spring and summer) get the chance to recollect on all the memories that they experienced as they stroll through the Quad. This year the walk will take place on May 2. All students and faculty members are invited to come watch and use noisemakers, signs and other non-destructive items to say goodbye. The alma mater will be played and the walkway will be lined with the university's colors of blue, orange, and white to mark the path. The “Senior Walk” will end when the graduates walk to the Tom and Kathleen Elam Center for graduation rehearsal. The celebration also includes a free picnic for the graduates. The picnic area is going to be behind Crisp Hall, and the Senior Walk will begin in front of Brehm



Shaw

Hall. Senior Criminal Justice major Terrance Shaw said, “This gives those students who are graduating the opportunity to realize that the staff genuinely cares and will miss each student that crosses paths with the University of Tennessee at Martin.” This year the UTM Grand Finale Celebration and Senior Walk will take place on May 2. Graduating seniors can pick up graduation tickets on May 2 also. We encourage all students to attend this event that will commemorate this achievement in your life. The UTM commencement ceremony will be at 11 a.m. on May 12. Congratulations, seniors on your tremendous achievement of graduating. This is a monumental time in your life, and UTM is proud that they are a part of it.

Things to remember, take care of to walk graduating line in May.

- Graduation is just around the corner. To make sure that you have everything you need before the big day, go over this checklist. Abbreviations are as follows:
- AR = Academic Records
 - ES = Employment Services
 - RL = Residence Life
 - BNR = Banner
 - UB = University Bookstore
- Remembered to pick up tickets for commencement program at Grand Finale Party on May 2nd or in the Office of Academic Records on May 3rd?
 - Purchased/rented graduation regalia? UB
 - Checked on all incompletes? BNR
 - Checked on all correspondence courses for grades? BNR
 - If waivers / substitutions are to be used, have special requests been filed? Adviser
 - Housing needs for period between finals and commencement? RL
 - Do you have medical insurance after graduation?
 - www.utmforever.com and click on GradMed
 - If exit exams were missed, have arrangements been made to take them?
 - Checked on transcripts from other schools? BNR
 - Checked on grade changes? BNR
 - Ordered class ring? UB
 - Have ALL financial obligations been handled? BNR
 - Invitations to commencement been sent? UB
 - Completed the Employment Services information card? ES
 - Ordered a diploma frame? UB
 - Checked mailing address in Banner to facilitate mailing of diploma? BNR
 - Marked your calendar for the “Grand Finale Party”?
 - Reply to alumni@utm.edu or call 731-881-7610 to RSVP
- Important dates to remember:
- April 30 -Last Day of Classes
 - May 2-Grand Finale Party, 12:30 p.m., Quad/Crisp
 - May 2-Graduation Practice, 2 p.m., Elam Center
 - May 3-Finals begin
 - May 12-Commencement begins at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Forum encourages good study techniques, tips for better student grades

Stephanie Partridge
Staff Writer

“Never study material you don’t enjoy since you’ll obviously never use it anyway.” According to the information provided at the April 18 Wednesday Forum, this is an example of what students should **not** be thinking a couple of

weeks before finals. At the forum, graduate assistant Patrick Ragghianti met with students to share helpful ways students can prepare for and take tests. When preparing for a test, Ragghianti suggested it is best to start on day one and review after each class while it is fresh on the student’s mind. Make sure

to do the assigned homework and readings. Gather information from principal themes, sub-topics, and major illustrations. Use techniques such as transferring the information into acronyms or into acrostics, it will help in remembering the more difficult topics. After getting familiar with the topic of study, decide

what supports the material and concentrate on that. Other tips include for multiple-choice tests, do not look for patterns. Look for clues in other questions and work backwards, meaning read the answers, then the questions. For true/false questions, look for key words like never and always, remem-

ber that the answer is false if any part of the statement is false, and stick with your first answer unless you are 100 percent sure you are wrong. Ragghianti gave students worksheets with additional information like being familiar with topics and use proper studying skills. He stressed that in order for

students to be successful they not only have to prepare mentally but they also have to physically prepared. Make sure to get at least six hours of sleep, preferably eight hours of sleep before a study session and before taking a test. Eating healthy snacks and meals helps the brain out also.



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Cookoff, Double Dare success

Above, students and employees attend the Mike Munkel BBQ Cookoff and SAC’s Double Dare, held yesterday near Pacer Pond. Right, AGR President Josh Jones (near left) and KAPsi President Cori Hill (far right) congratulate Ring of Fire for winning the grand prize cookoff award. Full story at utmpacer.com.



Day of Silence rally big success

Ashley Spicher
Staff Writer

The Day of Silence rally was held Wednesday, April 18, by the UTM ALLIES on the quad. The rally consisted of readings from the book, *Queer Experience*, made by the UTM ALLIES. The book consists of personal poems and stories of people who have had

“queer experiences.” There were also “End the Silence, Stop the Hate” t-shirts being sold. Morgan Greenshaw, ALLIES president, said the turnout was better than it was last year. When asked why a lot of students knew nothing about the event, he replied saying that many of the fliers they put up around the campus were


torn down. The chalk messages put on the sidewalk were also sabotaged and replaced with offensive messages instead. One of the members of the ALLIES took pictures of this ignorant act and reported the it to the minority office. But despite of everything, the 30-minute long rally was a big success.

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9:32 a.m., April 16 University St.	Court.
Mr. Williams H. Pitts was issued a citation for failure to stop for a red light. City Court.	12:36 a.m., April 18 Ellington
10:01 a.m., April 16 Lot 1	Report of a disturbance. Officers responded and referred the subjects to Student Affairs.
Traffic accident involving two vehicles.	11:26 p.m., April 18 Hannings Lane
2:32 p.m., April 16 Lot 15	Ms. Tristan E. Farrow was issued a citation for failure to show proof of insurance. General Sessions Court.
Traffic accident involving two vehicles.	3:21 p.m., April 19 University Courts.
3:18 p.m., April 16 Lot 8	Mr. Lee D. Yandell was arrested for assault. General Sessions Court.
Subject reported damage to their vehicle. Investigation continues.	9:27 p.m., April 19 University St.
11:40 p.m., April 17 Lot 5	Mr. Joseph C. Caldwell was issued a citation for failure to stop for a red light.
Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Ms. Katie M. Keathley was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident. General Sessions Court.	11:52 a.m., April 20 Mt. Pelia Rd.
12:43 p.m., April 17 University Village	Ms. Kyung Hee Choi was issued a citation for failure to yield to pedestrian. City Court.
Report of a housing violation. An officer responded and referred the subject to Student Affairs.	12:56 p.m., April 20 Lot 12
11:03 a.m., April 17 University St.	Traffic accident involving two vehicles.
Ms. Sharon L. Collier was issued a citation for child restraint law. City Court.	8:50 p.m., April 20 Hannings Lane Ext.
8:55 a.m., April 18 Moody St.	Mr. Mustafa Albasha was issued citations for violation of muffler law, no driver’s license and violation of the financial responsibility law. General Sessions Court.
Mr. Jesse V. Stribling was issued a citation for speeding and a stop sign violation. City Court.	10:37 p.m., April 21 University St.
11:51 a.m., April 18 Church St.	Ms. Tiffany M. Gary was issued a citation for reckless driving. Mr. Jake A. Vanderburg and Mr. Johnathan B. Routon were issued citations for clinging to a vehicle in motion. General Sessions Court.
Mr. Christopher J. Cunningham was issued a citation for speeding and violation of seat belt law. City	

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Open Forum Bible Study

The Spring Forum is exploring this semester’s topic: The Gospel of Salvation & The Power of Christ. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in UC 209. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Tri-Beta

Tri-Beta is holding their third annual Poster Presentation of Science Papers on April 26. The presentations will be from noon to 2 p.m. in Brehm Hall. Titles and authors for posters are due by April 24 by 5 p.m. to Dr. Wilkins.

Travel Study

For any students who are interested in going to our nations

capitol, UTM is now offering you that chance. UTM is offering students a chance to visit our nation’s capitol while also receiving credit hours. The trip is scheduled for May 13-18. While in Washington D.C. students will visit important landmarks such as the Smithsonian Institute Museum, Washington Memorial, Ford Theater, WWII Memorial. Students will also have the chance to visit Capitol Hill and meet important law makers. For more information please contact your adviser.

Talk Time

Talk Time is an informal opportunity for students to practice their conversational skills in a comfortable environment. Topics of discussion include current news, entertainment, culture,

grammatical concepts, literature and many other subjects. All are welcome. Meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in HU 209 (Writing Center).

Native American Convention

The Tennessee Native American Convention will host a Meet and Greet with the West Tennessee candidates for Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs on April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Legislative Chambers in the UC.

Pacer Meetings

Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 316.

Student Productions

Vanguard Student Original Productions will be held at 8:00 p.m. on April 27, 28 and 29 in the Lab Theatre at the Fine Arts Building. Admission is free.

Poster Presentation

Tri-Beta’s 3rd Poster Presentation of Science Papers will be on April 26 from 12-2 p.m. in Brehm Hall. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Titles and authors for posters due by 5 p.m. today to Dr. Wilkins by e-mail (hwilkins@utm.edu) or Dr. Blanchard (tblanc@utm.edu).

Body Bowling Tournament

There will be an AOPi Body Bowling Tournament on April

25-27. This event is for anybody and everybody, but teams must be of six. They can be male, female or co-ed. Cost is \$30 per team. This event is a human bowling tournament with a Slip N’ Slide and blow up pins. Your body is the ball, but the rest is up to you. Points will be given for the number of pins knocked down and creativity. The proceeds will go to Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. For more information, please call Katie Moody at 615-519-6197 or katrmood@utm.edu.

Spring Banquet

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry will hold their Spring Banquet at 6 p.m. on May 1 at the BCM (next to Bradley Books). Tickets are \$5.

UTM student does ‘big things’ with music and school

India Dean
Staff Writer

Our campus may know him as Tramel James, but to the music world he’s known as “Candy on Tuesday.” This senior Broadcast Communications major is doing big things not only in the classroom but on the music scene as well.

While the name may sound like a group, this solo artist wanted to step out of the box when introducing himself to the music industry. He explains that he wants people to focus on the music and not necessarily the artist. “Candy on Tuesday is like getting a weekend treat in the middle of the week to break away from the norm,” said James.

This West Kentucky native credits his music influences to artists like Hootie & the Blowfish, John Mayer, Alanis Morissette, and Lenny Kravitz.

He traveled when he was younger with his father, who was at the time an active military officer. This led to James joining the army. While in the military he was able to travel to Europe, Germany, France, and England. It was in these places that his eyes were opened to music.

Fiction writing course now offered online, taught by published author

India Dean
Staff Writer

Steve Alcorn, published author, will teach a new online course at UTM. “Advanced Fiction Writing” is now available on UTM’s Web site in partnership with online course provider, Education To Go.

This class was developed to be taken at the convenience of the students at any-time.

“This course is ideal for me because I work crazy hours and don’t really have a set work schedule,” said Kenetra Robertson, a former UTM Communications major from Memphis.

Alcorn has published many novels in both fiction and non-fiction. His works include *A Matter of Justice*, a mystery novel, a romance novel titled *Ring of Diamonds* and *Travel Kid*, a book about his explorations around the world.

Alcorn is also the president of Alcorn McBride Inc., a company for theme park engineering equipment.

“Advanced Fiction Writing covers es-

sential techniques often overlooked by other writing classes and books,” said Alcorn. “I’ll present each technique in a clear, step-by-step fashion that makes it easy for students to turn their story ideas into published books.”

This course covers areas such as story settings, plots, structure and conflict. One of the major parts of the lesson plan is helping students to get published. Each lesson is set to help develop and improve manuscripts.

“These techniques definitely work, because many of my students have gone on to sign contracts and see their books in print,” said Alcorn.

“Advanced Fiction Writing” is a concentrated class that will cover more than other writing books. This course will take you through a step by step process to ensure students’ full comprehension of the writing process. It also has a discussion area where students can get feedback from their classmates.

For more information, visit www.utm.edu/departments/ecce/onlinecourses.php.

Racist memorabilia now on display at university museum

Staff Reports

How does cultural intolerance get discussed without pointing out the intolerance, and how does discussion happen without examining examples?

The touchy subject of racism is the focus of the new exhibition opening Monday, April 23 in the University Museum, sponsored with the cooperation from the UTM Division of Student Affairs and the Minority Affairs Office. The implicit and explicit messages exhibited in material culture reflect social norms, expectations, and roles as recent as the 1990s. Not everything racist was produced in the South, and intolerance was not limited to or for white communities. “Hateful Things” from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia is a travelling exhibition curated by a collector and faculty member at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

The objects in this exhibit should be viewed as offensive, but the exhibit was created and circulates to confront negative stereotypes, foster individual awareness, and encourage commitment to eliminating both overt and careless indifference. The Jim Crow Museum itself represents one of

the largest publicly available collections of such material and is dedicated to confronting and countering negative stereotypes. “Our mission is to promote racial tolerance,” reads its museum’s mission statement “by helping people understand the historical and contemporary expressions of intolerance.”

Because the exhibit contents can be interpreted as negative and confrontational, viewers are encouraged to do one of two things: visit the collection Web site at www.jimcrow.museum, or watch the documentary about the museum and its mission, before coming to see the exhibit. Collector/curator Dr. David Pilgrim explains who Jim Crow was, presents a discussion and interpretation of stereotyping, and explains the rationale and message behind his collection. The film was featured this past February as part of the UTM Civil Rights Conference and has been seen by a number of student groups on campus since then. During the run of this exhibition the DVD “Jim Crow’s Museum” is available publicly as DVD 586 and can be seen on the equipment in Media Services.

So, do we live in a racist society? Perhaps, but it doesn’t have to remain that way.

His determination to get into music was fueled by a conversation with his dad. His father, being more a Motown kind of guy, was taken aback when his son came to him with samples is his work that was in the style of alternative rock. The laugh at his musical efforts pushed James to work even harder.

After a year, he took his music back to his father. This time the meeting ending with encouragement and well wishes.

When he left the military, a friend suggested that James try college. After enrolling and testing a few different majors, he decided on Communications to develop his knowledge about media and studio equipment.

Right now the aspiring singer/songwriter is designing a MySpace Web page that will feature tracks that he is currently working on, such as “Rainy Days” and “Kiss You All Over.”

James doesn’t really have a set style of music. “I am really waiting to see how people describe it on my page,” said James. “I try to use a lot of acoustic guitar and organ piano. I really like to experiment so I can have unique sounds that I can call my own.”

Entertainment company lends a hand to West Tennessee

Christopher Stanback
Staff Writer

Heavyweight Entertainment plays an instrumental role in cultivating college students’ lives and the community of West Tennessee.

Heavyweight Entertainment is an up-and-coming entertainment group which was established in Statesboro, Ga., that caters to the public by providing quality entertainment to the music industry. It gives people the opportunity to expand their options of social activities.

India Thomas, CEO of Heavyweight Tennessee, is a senior Psychology major from Atlanta, Ga., and is closing out her second year at UTM. When Thomas arrived in Martin back in 2005, she brought with her the ambition and the purpose to enrich social development and lives for students at UTM.

“Heavyweight Entertainment chose to expand to UT Martin and surrounding campuses because we wanted the students here to be able to take pride in their campus life instead of having students drive hours away to enjoy another schools’ campus life. Basically, we bring the big city to a small town,” said Thomas.

Thomas says that Heavyweight is now managing the talented local music artist, Tron Scott. Scott’s debut album, *Who I am*, is set to be released this summer and has a mix-tape scheduled to be released the first week of May. Heavyweight is broadening the market to more artists also by collaborating with Memphis’ artists, Zedzilla and Playa Fly. Heavyweight will manage the promotions for Zedzilla’s new album. Heavyweight will also manage the promotional campaign for Playa Fly’s new album, *Mafia All Day*.

“Right now the main focus of Heavyweight Tennessee is the new project for Tron Scott. Expect great things from him and us,” said Thomas.

Heavyweight continues to broaden the market in Martin and the student body. Thomas says that in the near future Heavyweight plans to expand its 18-year, annual basketball tournament from Georgia to Tennessee. Thomas says that Heavyweight looks to host a gospel concert here at the university and donate the proceeds to the Helping Hands Foundation in Tanzania. Heavyweight is instrumental in the upcoming gospel play titled, “Tell Hell I Ain’t Coming Yet.”

Thomas is also scheduled to be in a major documentary about females in the entertainment industry and the documentary is planned to be pitched at major television networks.

“Heavyweight is on the path to becoming the south’s premier entertainment company. Heavyweight and its entities are involved in everything from producing academic documentaries, like *America at a Crossroads: A West Tennessee Perspective*, to new music artist development and event promotions. The champs are here,” said Thomas.

Student original productions bring classics, student originals to life

Bobby Crockett
Staff Writer

If you think you’ve seen all the “freedom” you can take, you couldn’t be more wrong. Once again the Student Original Productions will be coming your way. Students will be writing, directing, and performing one-act plays produced in the Lab Theatre, located in Fine Arts room 127. Performances start on April 27 and 28 at 8:00 pm, and Sunday matinee on April 29 at 3:00 pm.

Most are long-time standards, but two are creative originals written by the students themselves. One is “Charming,” written by Anna Shaw and directed by Nick Mounts, about a witch who, plotting to destroy all “Prince Charmings,” disguises herself and eavesdrops on a conversation between some princes; the other is “Cause and Effect,” written by Jonathan Johnson and directed by Jennifer Horbelt, centered around a man who is in therapy, recounting how he finds out his girlfriend is cheating on him.

All of these are unfettered displays of student liberality and inventiveness.




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From the Geek Corner

TNGIC and wonderful world of Google Maps

Greetings from the 2007 Tennessee Geographic Information Council Conference!

I apologize to all those who looked for the usual *Technophile* last week while I was in Chattanooga. I think our staff and writers held down the fort relatively well in my absence.

Speaking of my absence, the conference was surprisingly more “techy” than I expected it to be. The Tennessee Geographic Information Council, TNGIC, is comprised of professionals across the state that use geographic information systems, GIS, in their everyday line of work. GIS, to simplify the definition, is a computer-based methodology by which one can store, analyze and output geographic information.

It’s more than just map making (cartography): GIS has the ability to connect data with location in one program so that problems like where to put what can be solved because the computer “knows” what is around the site, based on what the geographer tells it. Tennessee is actually on the fore-front of GIS use, with users working for state, county and municipal governments as well as for military bases, universities, etc.

Present at the conference were vendors from roughly 30 corporations that offer printing services, data col-



Matt Cook
Technical Editor

lection, aerial photography and remote sensing (similar to what was used to create Google Earth.) This gives you an idea of how varied the interest of GIS professionals can be.

Since we’re discussing Google, I’m sure by now most everyone has found or been shown the humorous results of searching Google Maps for directions from an American city to a foreign city. Try New York City to London if you want further proof.

In all seriousness, Google has made huge strides in assuring its continued dominance at home and abroad by adding road maps and directions for Europe and selected countries like Brazil, Japan and India. I wouldn’t be surprised if “Google” is one of the few English words known by all 6.6 billion people on Earth in the next few years.

In closing, I hope you have enjoyed having coverage of technology this year in *The Pacer*. My “brain child” has taken off well and seems to be well liked, so look for more *Technophile* articles to come your way next semester.

HDTVs: Powerful, pretty, but all too pricey

Justin Greer
and Troy Alves
Staff Writers

Are you tired of staring at the same old small cube that sits on your TV stand, desk or entertainment center? Are you tired of the unclear, dull picture quality? There is now a savior for all those hoping for a change in their viewing experience.

Many have already heard of, and know what HDTV is. For those who are still unfamiliar with this great advancement in home entertainment, HDTV will simply amaze you.

HDTV, or high-definition television, is a major upgrade compared to the standard television set. While the average set uses 200,000 points of colored light to give viewers an image, HDTV offers their viewers 2 million points, which makes the picture quality 10-times sharper.

The HDTV fever has already spread to many media outlets. The broadcasting world has hopped on the bandwagon by producing their cable, satellite and over-the-air channels in high-definition. HDTV owners can enjoy any sporting event, newscasts, movie and their favorite prime-time shows in ways that were never offered before.

Besides the great picture, what else about HDTV makes users happy? One of the other features that HD offers is wide-screen, which allows viewers to see more of the picture than



they could before. On top of that, the sound quality has also improved. HDTV sets most often use digital surround sound, putting viewers right in the middle of all the action. It will make you feel as though you are sitting on the sideline of a NBA game or watching a championship tennis match, hearing every volley.

With numerous options on the market for high definition television sets, one must ask which one is the all around best candidate to be in your home. If you’re in the market for an HDTV with the best picture quality and don’t have to worry about the four-grand price tag, the Pioneer PRO-FHD1 is right up your alley. The pros include accurate color and excellent detail with 1080 resolution, extensive picture controls including

color temperature and primary color adjustments. Cons are that it is extremely expensive and it lacks speakers, stand and tuner.

The next option for the savvy consumer would be the Panasonic TH-50PF9UK. Like the Pioneer model, it has its good and bad qualities. The Panasonic offers great visual aspects such as excellent black-level performance, accurate color decoding, independent memory per input, versatile PIP function, extensive picture adjustments and customizable inputs. On the bad side, owners would deal with the still-expensive price tag at \$3,979, lack of a stand, a tuner or speakers, no composite- and S-Video connectivity and the inability to change aspect ratios with HDTV sources.

The best-all-around option for any consumer

in the market for an HDTV would be the Pioneer PDP-5070HD. With all around decent visuals such as accurate color decoding, the ability to reproduce deep blacks, solid video processing and a conservative price tag of \$1,995, it is the best option for any smart consumer.

With all the large words and complicated technical terms, most consumers care about one thing: the price. The Pioneer PDP-5070HD is definitely one of the best HDTVs available.

Don’t think that this great digital system is only available to those that have six-figure incomes. Anyone can enjoy HDTV. Within the next couple of years, it is said that 64 percent of all household will watch television in high-definition. Will you join the revolution?

Web site of the week

**www.
.html** **flash .net
.com**

Social bookmarking and news sites

Jay Baker
Assist. News Editor

By this point, most everyone has heard of (and is probably using) sites like Digg, del.icio.us and Newsvine, but here are a few overlooked social bookmarking/news sites that really shine.

www.reddit.com

Reddit is pretty similar to Digg, but it has a much simpler minimalist design. It works on the same principle: submit a link and watch others vote it up to the front page. That’s really all there is to Reddit.

The main reason I’ve added it here is because it makes a great supplement to Digg, as there are often links on Reddit which don’t make it to Digg. Also, having a smaller user base makes the links load a lot faster as they won’t be

suffering from the “Digg effect.”

www.linkfilter.net

Linkfilter is really a Web gem. It is truly unique among social bookmarking sites, and I don’t think I can truly do it justice in this article, but here goes. At first glance, it works in much the same way as the others: submit a link, watch other users vote it up to the front page. But there is so much more going on. First of all, for everything you do (submitting links, voting on them etc.), you get experience points and the more “xp” you have, the more special features you can unlock. You can keep a journal, post a poll or lots of other neat things. This one is worth a look if nothing else.

www.furl.net

Furl works in much the same way as del.icio.us,

but with a catch: it archives a copy of every page you “furl” (up to 5GB) so you can search the full text of your pages to find what you’re looking for. Furl learns what you like and suggests new sites to you that you’ll probably like. It might not be as popular as del.icio.us, but it is certainly more functional.

www.ma.gnolia.com

Magnolia is sort of like del.icio.us but throws in a few extras: groups, the option to make some of your bookmarks private, a bookmark rating system, archive (like Furl) and a much nicer design than del.icio.us. There’s nothing revolutionary here, but if del.icio.us or Furl aren’t your cup of tea when it comes to social bookmarking, check out Ma.gnolia.

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Technology news, briefly

Vonage warns of potential bankruptcy

Everyone's seen the Vonage commercials with the unforgettable musical theme. While those commercials boost their customer database, some new legal problems are taking away from their successful efforts.

Shares for Vonage dropped six percent last



Wednesday when a regulatory filing of a risk of bankruptcy surfaced due to legal woes. These stemmed from a court's finding that it infringed on Verizon Communications Inc.'s patents. The filing came after Vonage was ordered to pay \$58 million to Verizon.

Vonage also cited the risk of service interruptions, an inability to repay its debt and

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a decline in its stock that could lead to delisting from the New York Stock Exchange.

While the decision is being appealed, Vonage is barred from adding customers. This newly surfacing situation has possibly resulted in other actions. Vonage Chief Executive Michael Snyder stepped down last week as the company said it planned to cut jobs and expenses by \$30 million in 2007.

Apple delays OS X.5 (Leopard) to third quarter

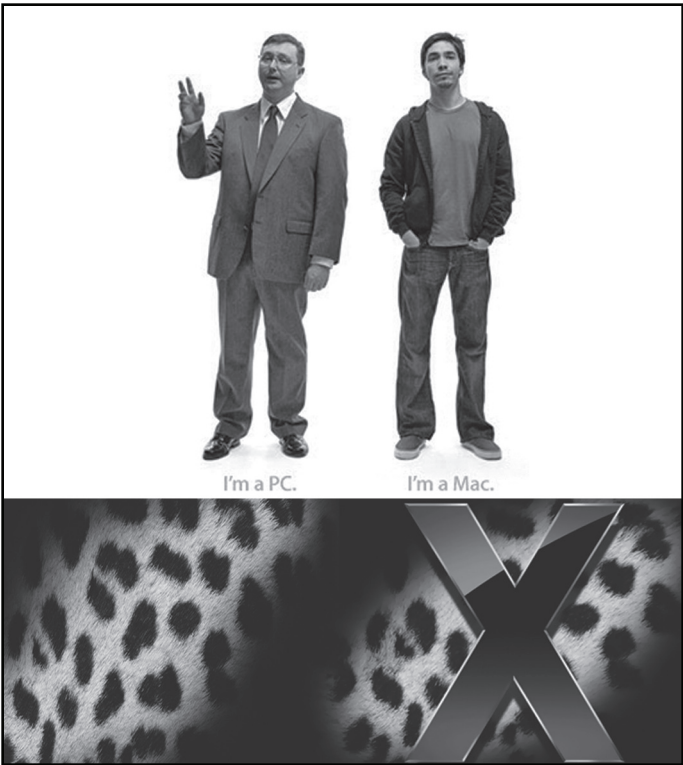
Last week Apple announced the decision to push back the release date for their OS X Leopard, which was previously scheduled for this June's Worldwide Developers Conference in October.

The four-month delay came because of some changes that have occurred with the reallocation of several key software engineers to assure that Apple's iPhone will make its original ship date.

"iPhone contains the most sophisticated software ever shipped on a mobile device, and finishing it on time has not come without a price – we had to borrow some key software engineering and QA resources from our Mac OS X team," Apple said in a statement.

"As a result, we will not be able to release Leopard at our Worldwide Developers Conference in early June as planned."

Apple has said that the



iPhone has passed several of its requirements and is still set to ship in late June. "We think it will be well worth the wait,"

Apple representatives said. "Life often presents tradeoffs, and in this case we're sure we've made the right ones."

Google to acquire DoubleClick for \$3.1 billion

Google has been in the news a lot recently for more reasons than one. Everyone thought their interactions with YouTube brought about big figures, but recent actions by the search engine giant emerged just last week.

A new deal represents the largest acquisition

in Google's history and comes just six months after Google paid \$1.65 billion to acquire the video-sharing site YouTube. Friday, Web advertising leader Google Inc., agreed to acquire DoubleClick Inc., another top online advertising network, for \$3.1 billion, beating out other major Internet players with its bid.

Terms of the deal call for Google to pay cash to

DoubleClick investors. The DoubleClick acquisition promises to reinforce Google as it expands into markets other than the Internet.

DoubleClick was the leading independent player in the first generation of online advertising during the 1990s and has been majority-owned by San Francisco private equity firm Hellman & Friedman since 2005. Hellman & Friedman paid \$1.1 billion in stock and debt for its stake.



Security: Continued from Cover

University and UTK both confirmed Friday their pending arrangements for a cell phone-based communication system, and MTSU is in the market for a similar system that allows for communication between students and faculty, according to The Tennessean newspaper.

Regarding the safety plans in place at this university, Public Safety and other local law enforcement agencies are capable of encountering any active or hostile shooter incident on this campus by extensive training. Hostile shooters are defined by Public Safety as any individual who is "causing death or serious bodily injury or the threat of imminent death of serious bodily injury to person(s) within a building" in an information packet sent out to the faculty immediately following the Virginia Tech shootings last Monday.

Nick Dunagan offered his condolences and prayers to the Virginia Tech community as a result of this shooting in a press release from the UT Web site.

"We are horrified and saddened at the loss of life at Virginia Tech. No amount of preparation can prevent such a tragedy, but such an event reminds each of us to remain vigilant for our own safety and for the

safety of those around us. Our thoughts and prayers are with those touched by these senseless violent acts," Dunagan said.

The campus prepared for the days immediately following the Virginia Tech shooting by allowing for an obvious increase in Public Safety officers, offered assistance for any student who may have had friends or family "affected by the shootings or who are upset or anxious" because of the shootings, and to remind faculty and staff of the necessary actions to take if "confronted with hostile actions by one more persons," according to the release.

After the Dyersburg State Community College situation, the faculty and staff were coached on the necessary precautions and were given a new information packet after the shootings at Virginia Tech that dealt with the issue of an active shooter said Tomi Parrish, instructor of Communications.

The first recommendation of this instruction packet is that "faculty should immediately lock the students and themselves in the classroom. If possible, cover any windows or openings that have a direct line of sight into the hallway. Do not barricade the doorway, others

may need to get in for sanctuary."

Last Tuesday, an English professor was discussing safety issues before class started with a few students. In this conversation, the recommendations of Public Safety's packet were discussed and how the doors in Humanities don't have locks on the inside, the locks are on the outside and require a key that only a few people have, some of the doors are difficult to close and may not close completely.

Even though the renovations to the HVAC were completed over the summer in Humanities, many classroom doors are open periodically to facilitate an ideal room atmosphere as well as provide students access to class if they are late. The lock system currently in place in Humanities as well as Gooch requires a key to lock the deadbolt as well as many of the locks being on the outside of the door.

The inability for faculty and staff to lock the doors in the event of an incident is contradictory to the information provided as the necessary steps to take as provided by Public Safety. If the need to facilitate student safety was dire, it would be impossible with the current lock system to provide a secure and safe atmosphere.

Run: Continued from Cover

one of her personal favorites is Wellesley College, which was originally a women's liberal arts college founded in 1870, whose notable graduates include Hillary Rodham Clinton, Madeleine Albright, Diane Sawyer and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. She said that she could hear

the sounds of Wellesley students cheering on runners outside the school when she was still over a mile away from it.

Patterson, who's been an instructor at UTM for 23 years, has run in 10 marathons prior to participating in this year's Boston

Marathon, but said that to her it's still the "Holy Grail" for serious runners.

More information on the Boston Marathon, along with this year's results and finish times for all runners who completed the race, can be found at www.baa.org.

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Skyhawk softball hurler Strode at home in outdoors with friends

Ashley Harris
Staff Writer

UTM softball pitcher Ashton Strode recently was named OVC Co-Pitcher of the week for her work on the mound by recording 12 strikeouts in only 14 innings of play during two games.

This wasn't the first award for the Niceville, Fla., native. She also was named OVC Co-Pitcher of the Week in 2006 and received an OVC all-newcomer award.

However, don't expect her to talk solely about herself. When asked about her performance, Strode always credits her teammates. Strode believes that teamwork is the key to a good season and says that the improvement the Skyhawks have seen this season is because they have come together on and off the field.

"All pitchers walk on the mound hoping not to allow any runs so it feels great to accomplish a goal. But it was my teammates in defense backing me up that allowed me to do it," Strode says.

When Strode is not on the mound, you will still find her outside. She loves the outdoors, whether sunbathing on the Florida sand or reading at Pacer Pond. It doesn't matter so much what she is doing as long as she is with her friends, especially her teammates.

Strode transferred to UTM after three semesters at Western Kentucky University. Strode attributes her coming to UTM mostly to her teammates. She says they have a strong bond because of the time they spend together off the field.

"Growing up on a military base, I knew everyone. UTM is a lot like that and that's what I love about it," she says.

Strode has played softball since she was eight years old and has been pitching since she was nine. As a freshman in high school she took over the starting pitcher's role and was named two-time team MVP and

2003 Northwest Florida Daily News Player of the Year, among other prestigious honors. Strode has had many great coaches over the years, she says, but her dad remains her biggest fan and lifelong coach.

On game days Strode prepares by calling her parents because she knows they will pump her up and have confidence in her. Then she puts on some country music to relax and mentally prepare. Strode says she talks to whoever is catching to see what is working and what kind of batters they will be facing.

Coach Donley Canary describes Strode as "a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher." He says, "She has

a huge high school, preferably at the high school I graduated from."

"I have all this knowledge about softball and I want to pass it on," Strode says.

Ashton Strode
2007 statistics
6-8 record
69 strikeouts
4 complete games
2 shutouts



Trevor Ruszkowski/ UTM Sports Information

the ability to dominate a game when 'on'. She works hard, is extremely coachable and knows how to compete."

When asked about her post-collegiate plans, Strode knows exactly where her future lies.

"In my future, I want to be a head softball coach and a health teacher at

Skyhawk softball junior pitcher Ashton Strode winds up to release a pitch during a recent game. Strode, a junior health education major who transferred to UTM from Western Kentucky University, threw the first perfect game in school history last season against Samford.

UTM Skyhawk equestrian team hosts horse show for St. Jude during finals

Kendra Leake
Staff Writer

During the weekend between finals many people dedicate their time to either studying or sleeping, but that isn't what the UTM equestrian team will be doing.

Instead, you can find the equestrian team members helping out at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Graves Stables for the Equestrian Classic Horseshow, to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis. Meghan Cunningham, head coach of the equestrian team, explained why. "St. Jude has a strong

tradition raising money for children in need. Generally they do it through their trail rides, but we decided to put our strengths to work by hosting a show." A \$10 donation to St. Jude Hospital is required to participate in the show. Entry fees will be \$5 per class, and each prospective exhibitor will have the option of choosing to use one of the equestrian team's horses for an additional \$5 per class.

The show will feature a variety of classes. The more traditional options include the Over Fences classes, Gaited Pleasure, and Western events. Riders also have the option of entering in such classes as Ride a Buck, where

exhibitors ride with a dollar between their leg and the horse and must not let the dollar blow away, or the Egg and Spoon Class where exhibitors ride around while holding an egg in a spoon and must be careful not to let the egg fall. Sara Youngerman, an animal science teacher from Jackson State Community College, will serve as the judge, and exhibitors will be allowed to warm up their horses at 7:30 am on Saturday.

For more information stop by the team office (located next to the classrooms in the Agricultural Complex) or call 881-7273.

Women's equestrian team trampled in 1st round of Championship

UTM Sports Information

The Skyhawk women's equestrian team made the most of its inaugural season of competition as it earned a berth in the 2007 Varsity Equestrian National Championship (VENC) show in Waco, Texas. However, Fresno State cut the Skyhawks' trip to the VENC short.

Fresno State's English squad, seeded eighth, posted a 6-2 win over the No. 9 Skyhawks in the VENC opening round. Fresno State advanced to face No. 1 South Carolina, while UTM wrapped up its first season.

"This was a great experience for us," said Meghan Cunningham the Skyhawks head coach. "We know what we have to do to get back here and win."

UTM won a pair of matches in Equitation over the Flat. Phebe Brennan defeated Kristen Sohns 154-142, while Elaine Haw beat Lindsay Blair 154-143.

"Both Phebe and Elaine had outstanding rides," Cunningham said. "You couldn't ask them for any more."

Fresno State won the Equitation over Fence, 4-0.

Haw suffered a 170-147 loss to Morgan McDonald who recorded the best score by any rider in the national championship during the first day. Mary Margaret Fly lost to Katie Nenneker 163-157, while Michelle Thompson fell to Cambria Kissell 143-128. Brennan suffered a 138-133.5 loss to Jennifer Jory.

"We had some good rides," Cunningham said. "This was our first year."

Host men's Skyhawk golfers enter OVC final round in 10th place

UTM Sports Information

Trey McNeil again led the Skyhawks, carding the low round with a 4-over-par 76 in the second round of the 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Golf Championship. With the four-stroke improvement from the first round, McNeil now sits at 12-over-par 156 for the tournament. As a team the Skyhawks fought through windier conditions than yesterday, improving on the first round showing by recording a 37-over-par 325, but it was not enough to move up the leader board. UTM remains in tenth place entering Tuesday's final round.

Hosted by UTM, the 2007 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Golf Championship is being held at the Country Club of Paducah in Paducah, Ky. The 44-player field is made up of participants from 10 OVC member institutions. The par-72 Donald Ross design is playing at 6,872 yards in length.

Brad Stevens recorded a 9-over-par 81 after falling victim to the double-bogey blues on the back-nine in round two. Stevens recovered on the finishing hole, carding his first birdie of the day. Senior Robert Lents struggled through the first nine in the second round, but recovered on the back side with a pair of birdies on Nos. 13 and 14. Lents was

unable to capitalize though as he gave the strokes back on Nos. 16 and 17 to finish with a 12-over-par 84, giving him a tournament total of 22-over-par 166.

John Slayton recorded seven pars and two birdies in his round, but the four double-bogeys resulted in him carding a 12-over-par 84. Jason Bell rounded out the scoring for UTM with a round of 16-over-par 88.

In the team competition, Jacksonville State retained the overall lead after posting a 10-over-par 298 in the second round for a tournament total of 21-over-par 597. Behind the Gamecocks by 11-strokes is defending champion Eastern Kentucky, who fired an 18-over-par 306 in the second round for a tournament total of 32-over-par 608.

In the individual race, Scott Stallings of Tennessee Tech used a 3-under-par 69 in the second round to separate himself from the field. He has a tournament total of 4-under-par 140 and leads Daniel Wilett of Jacksonville State by 7-strokes. Wilett fired a 1-over-par 73 in the second round and sits at 3-over-par 147 for the tournament. In third is Bryan Rozier, also of Jacksonville State, with a tournament total of 4-over-par 148, following a 1-over-par 73 in round two.

Skyhawk Scoreboard

Baseball

Beat Lyons College
7-3 Friday

Chad Green 3 RBI
Ryan Rockholt 4
strikeouts; 4-2 record
on season

Kyle Dudley 2 RBI

Current record
13-26 Overall,
4-10 OVC

Softball

Swept by Southern
Illinois April 18

Lost two of three to
SEMO April 21-22

Host Central Arkansas
today 2 p.m.

Current record
24-27 Overall,
10-9 OVC

Women's Tennis OVC Championships

Women fell to No. 1
seed Samford, 4-1

Elizma Schoonees
claimed singles victory

Schoonees/Ernestine
Koornhof won in doubles

Final record
12-6 Overall,
8-4 OVC

No. 6 Gunn named to All-OVC tennis team

UTM Sports Information

UTM's Mary Beth Gunn, a junior from Shelbyville, was named to the 2007 All-Ohio Valley Conference Women's Tennis Team.

Gunn played No. 6 singles for the Skyhawks and posted a 5-3 record in conference matches. She also teamed with Martie Wahl for No. 3 doubles where the two sported a 10-4 overall record and a 6-2 worksheet in league play.

Gunn helped the Skyhawk women claim a berth in the 2007 O'Reilly Ohio Valley



Gunn

Conference Women's Tennis Championship this weekend at the Centennial Sportsplex in Nashville.

Murray State's Anna Lask was named the OVC Player of the Year, while Hayley Homburg from Eastern Illinois was named the league's Freshman of the Year.



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